

**CITY OF MILPITAS  
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

<b>Minutes:</b>	<b>Senior Advisory Commission</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>April 15, 2003</b>
<b>Place of Meeting:</b>	<b>Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room</b>

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**I. CALL TO ORDER  
& PLEDGE**

Chairperson Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mary Banick, Bal Daquigan, Carlos Fabregas, Steve Lu, Bakshish Sandhu, Albert Wang, Joanne Wood and Denny Weisgerber.

Commissioners Absent: Jim Burns.

Alternates Present: Frances Woodworth was seated for Jim Burns and Amanda Santos.

Council Liaison: Councilmember Althea Polanski.

Staff Present: Kathleen Yurchak, Recreation Services Supervisor

**II. MINUTES**

MOTION: to approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2003, Senior Advisory Commission meeting. Commissioner Wang corrected the minutes to read as follows: **Alternates Present: Frances Woodworth was seated for Bal Daquigan and Amanda Santos was seated for Albert Wang.**

**At 1:30 PM Albert Wang joined the meeting; Amanda Santos then became the alternate for Joanne Wood.**

M/S: Fabregas/Woodworth

Ayes: Unanimous

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak reported that, of the \$100.00 donation for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Senior Nutrition Program, \$79.94 was spent for the event.

MOTION: to approve the Financial Report as presented.

M/S: Woodworth/Fabregas

AYES: Unanimous

**IV. CITIZENS FORUM**

Sura Weiner, 424 Woodcock Ct. referred to an information flyer from the Silicon Valley Independent Living Center regarding the

increases proposed by Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). VTA has proposed to increase fares for day passes for seniors and disabled from \$1.25 per day to \$2.25 per day; increase monthly pass fares for seniors and disabled from \$11.00 to \$22.50 per month, an increase of over 100%; and eliminate door-to-door service on paratransit (Outreach) and replace it with curb-to-curb service. She requested that this Commission send a letter to VTA stating that the proposed increases are just a little too much for seniors to handle. She requested that it be faxed today because today is the deadline for responses. Commissioner Woodworth requested that a copy be e-mailed to Terry Applegate of the Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, OTR/L at [terrya@svilc.org](mailto:terrya@svilc.org).

Chairperson Weisgerber asked the Commission if they want to send such a letter to VTA expressing disapproval of the extent of the proposed increases and that a lesser amount of increase should be considered. The response was a unanimous yes. Supervisor Yurchak indicated she would draft the letter on behalf of the Commission conveying the above information and that she could e-mail it today.

MOTION: to approve Supervisor Yurchak to draft the letter mentioned above and e-mail it today.

M/S: Wang/Woodworth

AYES: Unanimous

Commissioner Woodworth reported that the Great Mall and Kaiser Medical Permanente Group is sponsoring a Strive for Help, Self and Happiness, on April 28 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Great Mall. Anyone interested in walking should contact her.

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE**

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak read the announcements as noted on page 1 of the agenda.

Commissioner Santos gave an update of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee. She thanked the Commission for the honor to represent the Commission on the Committee. All 12 Milpitas Committees and Commissions are represented on this committee. The Committee was formed to recommend a plan to the City Council for celebrating and commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Objectives of the celebration are to increase resident awareness of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, provide opportunities to experience a sense of community and neighborliness through public events, educate residents about the Milpitas history, educate residents on how to get more involved in the community and provide a permanent commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary and to minimize the cost of the celebration. Council member Althea Polanski serves as Council Liaison for the Committee. Commissioner Santos reported on what transpired at the meetings, which have already taken place. The celebration would be like a birthday celebration on going throughout the year at different events and activities that may already be scheduled and included in the programs budget. The Committee discussed goals and objectives and meeting schedules. On May 12th the Committee will present its draft report to the Council.

Chief Lawson reported that the 17 senior volunteers are working out well and saving the City many dollars. The Police Department, is concerned about the budget issue. This upcoming year, we are expected to do more with less but not cutting back services to residents. Last year, the Police Department cut back to the Year 2000 levels for materials and services. Challenges the PD is facing are security checks several times a day in areas that may not have been checked before the 9/11 event. PD has a gang prevention strategy, which is working, out well. A problem, which arose about a year ago, is the cruisers and car racers which Milpitas is trying to keep out of the city. Special efforts are being directed at the Great Mall theaters. PD has received awards for the shopping center program and cruiser effort.

Supervisor Yurchak reported that VTA public meetings regarding modifications to the Paratransit service plan are scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> in San Jose, 29<sup>th</sup> in Sunnyvale, 30<sup>th</sup> in Gilroy and May 1 in Milpitas at the Police Department Community Room. This information will be posted at the Senior Center.

On the Commission's behalf, Commissioner Banick thanked staff, especially Roseann Costabile, for an outstanding job in putting together the Senior Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party, which was a very festive occasion. City and County officials were in attendance.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Sandhu reported on the new Indian Community Center (ICC), which just opened at 555 Los Coches. This is a non-profit organization conducting many free activities and events open to participation by anyone.

## **VI. AGENDA**

MOTION to adopt the Agenda for April 15, 2003, Commission meeting, as submitted.

M/S: Fabregas/Woodworth

Ayes: Unanimous

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Senior Issues Project Update**

Supervisor Yurchak read the report on Page 3 of the Agenda. This week, staff will visit senior centers in the area and will begin planning the design and layout of the new Senior Center. Staff anticipates a meeting with the Subcommittee in April and to make a recommendation to the Council in May regarding the historical aspect of the current Senior Center, and to obtain direction on the location and/or improvements to the existing Senior Center, and/or a new Senior Facility. On tonight's Council agenda, staff is obtaining approval for funding for the temporary senior center modulars and the improvements to the Sal Cracolice building. Funds are being made available through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding. Once that funding is approved, it becomes available on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the work can begin. A design of the modulars will be presented to the Subcommittee for their approval.

Chairperson Weisgerber asked if the subcommittee was aware of and have they applied for funds, which the State has set aside for senior centers? Supervisor Yurchak stated that the only funding which the City has applied for the senior center is the CDBG funds and indicated she could take that question to the subcommittee.

Commissioner Woodworth informed staff that two of the centers that staff will be visiting, the Berryessa and Cupertino they are both community centers, not senior centers. Supervisor Yurchak confirmed Cupertino is a Senior Center and that Mountain View does not have a new senior center built yet, they are on the same time line as Milpitas.

### **2. Senior Advisory Commission Project Updates**

France Woodworth, facilitator of the Housing/Senior Center Task Force did not have an update report.

Commissioner Banick, facilitator of the Services & Programs Task Force did not have an update report.

Chairperson Weisgerber reported that he met with the City Manager and they discussed alternative transportation within the City limits for the seniors. Knowing the bus lines are reducing service and Milpitas would probably not get a reroute around the Sal Cracolice building, so an alternative would be to pick up senior passengers at the present station across from the old senior center or down by Corning to shuttle folks to the senior center. Nothing is firm.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Request for Senior Advisory Commission to pay for new Digital camera.**

Supervisor Yurchak read the background on page 3 of the agenda.  
MOTION: to have Senior Advisory Commission purchase a new digital camera, not to exceed \$200, to be deducted from the SAC account.

M/S: Lu/Daquigan

Ayes: Unanimous

## **IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. STAFF REPORTS**

#### **1.1 Recreation Services**

Supervisor Yurchak read through the report on page 2 of the agenda. Roseann reported that there needs to be at least 20 seniors in attendance for the Potlucks or they will be cancelled. Levels of activity will increase during May – Older Americans Month and she encouraged attendance to all activities. The potluck scheduled for May 22 has been moved to May 15.

#### **1.2 Senior Center Nutrition**

Roseann Costabile read through the report on page 2 of the agenda. Next year there will be another celebration for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Senior Center Nutrition program celebrating 30 years in Santa Clara County. Roseann reported she has been appointed to serve on the Elder Abuse Task Force for the County of Santa Clara.

Note, receipt and file.

### **2. LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **2.1 City Council**

Councilmember Althea Polanski congratulated the Nutrition Program on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event where everyone had a good time. Milpitas City Council has canceled their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting scheduled for July 15. Council will also discuss canceling the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in July 2004, so it does not appear on the City Calendar. Also, under consideration will be starting the Council meetings at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. The Mayor's State of the City Address is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, co-sponsored by Milpitas Chamber of Commerce. RSVPs to the Chamber of Commerce will be appreciated. Council also approved the Clerk's Office to be a "passport" facility. City Clerk is still researching information.

#### **2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Committee**

Frances Woodworth reported on the April 7 meeting at which Mary Tinker, In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Requesting Manager spoke on the IHSS operations which includes registry of available IHSS independent providers; match consumers with

screened providers & assist both parties; provide orientation sessions for new IHSS providers; offer training to IHSS consumers on topics or eligibility processes; manages employee benefits for eligible IHSS providers including Valley Health Plan & Dental Vision coverage; provides full ECO transit passes to eligible IHSS providers; acts as the employee of record of independent providers for collective bargaining purposes. IHSS is designed to assist elderly, blind, disabled people to remain in their home when they are no longer able to fully care for themselves or handle routine household tasks. Commissioner Woodworth distributed a California Senior Legislature (CSL) Santa Clara County Newsletter listing CSL priorities.

### **2.3 AARP**

Commissioner Wood reported that the next meeting is scheduled on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Pioneer Mobile Home Park. The Milpitas Fire Dept. will put on a program re: hazards in daily life and the AARP Secretary will bring medical information and tips.

### **2.4 Nutrition Site Council**

Commissioner Fabregas presented the Financial Report for Joyce Dovlet. Note, receipt and file.

### **2.5 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Comm.**

No report.

### **2.6 Arts Commission**

No report.

## **XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairperson Weisgerber adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2003 at 1:30 PM in the City Hall Committee Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Lindeman  
Commission Secretary ProTem